



# Atkinson Elementary PTA Newsletter

## Boletín informativo de la PTA de la escuela primaria Atkinson

February 2, 2025

Hello Atkinson Families!

We hope you're all well and creating space to take care of yourselves during these uncertain times. We're very grateful to be part of such a wonderful school community. **We loved seeing so many of you at our Lunar New Year Celebration** - thanks again to Michelle Luu-George for bringing that tradition back to Atkinson, and all the generous vendors, donors and volunteers who made it happen.

Also, check out our new bulletin board on the upper playground and let us know what information would be helpful to include there!

Below you'll find this month's happenings at Atkinson, including our beloved Talent Show!

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### **Talent Show**

Please join us at the K-2 Talent Show, this **Tuesday, February 4th at 6pm!** The 3-5 Talent Show will take place on **Tuesday, February 11th**. Both shows are returning to the big stage at the Franklin High School Center for the Arts, located on the corner of SE 52nd and Woodward. This is a **FREE community event**, and all are welcome to come and support our amazing performers.

We'll be selling concessions and tickets to win one of three great gift baskets: Staycation in Portland, Date Night, or Family Fun. Tickets are \$2 each and you can buy them now [right here](#).

We are urgently seeking a Spanish speaker to co-MC both events. [Please sign up here](#) if you are able to help, or would like to volunteer for another role. We hope to see you there!

\* **Feb 4:** K-2 Talent Show • Franklin High School Auditorium • 6pm

\* **Feb 11:** 3-5 Talent Show • Franklin High School Auditorium • 6pm

*(Rehearsal will be on Feb 5 from 2:30 - 3:30pm)*



## **Community PTA Meeting**

Our next community meeting will be on February 13th from 6:30-8pm at Lay Low Tavern (6015 SE Powell Blvd)! This is a great opportunity to connect with other Atkinson families, ask questions, and have your voice heard. Everyone is welcome!



## **Trail Blazer Tickets**

Join us for Atkinson PTA Night at Moda Center as the Trail Blazers take on the Toronto Raptors @ **3pm on March 16th**. All who purchase their ticket using [this link](#) will be given a special discounted ticket to attend and will be seated in the same section (322). Tickets are available for purchase until February 17th. We look forward to seeing you then!



## **Calendar and Upcoming Events**

Please add the [Atkinson PTA Google Calendar](#) to your Gmail account to keep track of important dates, school events, and other activities. You can also find these on the [calendar page of our website](#).

- \* **Feb 4:** K-2 Talent Show • Franklin High School Auditorium • 6pm ([details here](#))
- \* **Feb 11:** 3-5 Talent Show • Franklin High School Auditorium • 6pm ([details here](#))
- \* **Feb 17:** NO SCHOOL • Presidents' Day
- \* **Feb 20:** Grade 3-5 Music Performance • 1:30 - 2:30pm
- \* **Feb 26:** Early Release • 11:50am
- \* **Feb 27:** Special's Night • 6:30 - 8pm
- \* **Feb 28:** Principal's Coffee • 8:10am • Cafeteria



## **Early Release Days**

Atkinson will have one early release day per month for the 24-25 school year. Please see after school activity options [here](#) if you need care after school.

Early release is at **11:50 a.m.** on the following Wednesdays:

**Feb 26** // Mar 19 // Apr 23 // May 21



## **February Dine Out**

Stay tuned for more details on our Dine Out fundraiser for the month!



## **Bike Bus (Taking a Break)**

Bike Bus will be taking a break for the next few weeks. They'll return on **Wednesday, February 19th**. We'll keep you informed of any changes to the schedule and route in the February newsletter!



## **Parent's Night Out**

Save the date for a Parents' Night Out Bingo event on **March 6th at Migration Brewing**. More details to come!



## **Track and Field Opportunity**

A Cleveland High School track coach is hosting an elementary (1st thru 5th grade) Spring Track Club thru his youth program (Runner2Runner) over at Cleveland HS, Tuesdays & Fridays from 5:30 to 6:30 from April 1st - May 9th. Check it out [here](#) and email Howard Leo - [howard@runner2runner.org](mailto:howard@runner2runner.org).



## **Advocacy**

The Atkinson PTA is committed to doing whatever it can to support vulnerable members of our community, particularly immigrants that may feel threatened with this change in administration. We see you, we celebrate you, and we will do whatever we can to ensure that Atkinson is a safe and welcoming place.

We are actively seeking out available local resources and organizing with others to build up a stronger united coalition to be able to react and advocate with a stronger collective voice.

Please reach out ([president@atkinsonpta.org](mailto:president@atkinsonpta.org)) if there is anything we might be able to do for you or if you are interested in participating in these efforts.



## **Volunteer Opportunities**

There are many ways to get involved at Atkinson (some are included above!) and we encourage and welcome volunteer support of any kind! There are currently a few specific areas of need if you're able to share your time in one of these roles:

- \* Board Position: Vice President of Planning
- \* Board Position: Assistant Treasurer

For more details, please visit the [Volunteer Page](#) of our site. If you're interested in supporting one of these needs, please reach out to Abby Wood at [volunteer@atkinsonpta.org](mailto:volunteer@atkinsonpta.org) or fill out the [form on our website](#). There are many other low-commitment ways to make a big difference, so whether you have an hour a week or an hour a year, we celebrate your support.



## **Questions for the Principal**

Have a question or idea you'd like to share with Ms. Armendariz anonymously? [Add it to this list](#) to be addressed at the next PTA Meeting!



## **Join Us!**

It's not too late to join the PTA! Everyone is welcome, it's quick and easy to join, and the one-time membership dues are based on a "pay what's comfortable" scale (between \$1-15 per member - just know that we are responsible for paying the Oregon PTA \$9.50 for each member). Being a member allows you to vote on important school issues and be involved in exciting events and happenings. You can [sign up here](#), and pay your membership dues [here](#). If you were a member last year, you can renew your membership for the 2024-2025 school year via the same link. We also have some open positions on the Board - [reach out to us](#) if you are curious at all!



## **Quick Links**

- [PTA Website](#)
- [PTA Calendar](#)
- [Spiritwear Shop](#)
- Free Meal Menus: [Breakfast](#) and [Lunch](#)
- [Join the PTA](#)
- [Volunteer with Us](#)



## **Other Ways to Support the PTA**

- Connect your Fred Meyer Rewards account to the Atkinson PTA through Community Rewards. Details and how-to can be found [here](#).
- Show your Cheetah Pride through our [Spiritwear Shop](#)
- [Donate directly](#) to the Atkinson Elementary PTA general fund to help us sustain projects, programs and events for our Atkinson students throughout the year.
- Volunteer! Whether you have 3 hours a week or 3 hours a year to volunteer, there are many ways you can make Atkinson a great place to learn and grow. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, [visit our website here](#).



## **Stay Connected**

Social media is a great way to stay connected to the Atkinson Community. Please consider joining our [Facebook Group](#) and/or following us on [Instagram](#).

As always, we also welcome your thoughts and participation in making Atkinson a special place for all students and families. If you have any ideas, suggestions or feedback on events, programs, or ways to improve communications, please [reach out](#)!

Warmly,

Your 2024-25 PTA Executive Board,  
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